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DETAILED ACTION

Claims 1-4, 6, 9, 13-23 are currently pending in the instant application.

Applicants have cancelled claims 5,7,8 and 10-12 and added new claims 16-23 in an amendment filed on February 20, 2008.

I. Response to Arguments

Applicants' amendment, filed on February 20, 2008, has overcome the rejection of claim 9 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph and the objection of claims 1-15 as containing non-elected subject matter. The above rejection and objection have been withdrawn.

II. Rejection(s)

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

Claims 1-4, 6, 9, 13-23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, because the specification, while being enabling for a compound of formula represented in claim 1 or pharmaceutically acceptable salts of said compound does not reasonably provide enablement for a **solvate** of a compound of formula represented in claim 1. The specification does not provide sufficient guidance nor does it enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make the

invention commensurate in scope with these claims.

As stated in the MPEP 2164.01 (a), "There are many factors to be considered when determining whether there is sufficient evidence to support a determination that a disclosure does not satisfy the enablement requirement and whether any necessary experimentation is "undue."

In *In re Wands*, 8 USPQ2d 1400 (1988), factors to be considered in determining whether a disclosure meets the enablement requirement of 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, have need described. They are:

- 1. the nature of the invention,
- 2. the state of the prior art,
- 3. the predictability or lack thereof in the art,
- 4. the amount of direction or guidance present,
- 5. the presence or absence of working examples,
- 6. the breadth of the claims,
- 7. the quantity of experimentation needed, and
- 8. the level of the skill in the art.

In the instant case

The nature of the invention

The nature of the invention is a compound of formula represented in claim 1, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of said compound. There is no teaching of solvates of the compounds of Formula represented in claim 1 in the specification.

The state of the prior art and predictability or lack thereof in the art

It is the state of the prior art that the term "solvate" found in the claims is defined as a compound formed by solvation (the combination of solvent molecules with molecules or ions of the solute. It has been estimated that approximately one-third of the pharmaceutically active substances are capable of forming crystalline hydrates.

Predicting the formation of solvates or hydrates of a compound and the number of molecules of water or solvent incorporated into the crystal lattice of a compound is complex and difficult. Each solid compound responds uniquely to the possible formation of solvates or hydrates and hence generalizations cannot be made for a series of related compound (See *Vippagunta*, *et al.*)

The scope of "solvate" is not adequately enabled or defined. Applicants provide no guidance as how the compounds are made more active *in vivo*. Solvates and hydrates cannot always be predicted and therefore are not capable of being claimed if the applicant cannot properly enable a particular hydrate or solvate.

The amount of direction or guidance present and the presence or absence of working examples

There is no direction or guidance present in the specification or working examples present in the specification are that defines or relates to what solvates are being included in the elected invention. The term "solvates" is discussed on page 12 of the specification and reads on the following:

"The compounds of the present invention can exist in unsolvated as well as solvated forms with pharmaceutically acceptable solvents such as water, ethanol, and the like. In general, the solvated forms are considered equivalent to the unsolvated forms for the purposes of the present invention."

The breadth of the claims

The breadth of the claims is a compound of the formula represented in claim 1, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or solvate thereof. .

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The quantity of experimentation needed and the level of the skill in the art

While the level of the skill in the pharmaceutical art is high, the quantity of experimentation needed is undue experimentation. One of skill in the art would need to prepare compounds with various solvents without any direction as to what compounds form solvates with which solvents.

The level of skill in the art is high without showing or guidance as to how to make solvates of a compound of formula (I) it would require undue experimentation to figure out the solvents, temperatures and reaction times that would provide solvates of the above compounds.

To overcome this objection, Applicant should submit an amendment deleting the term "solvates".

III. Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Shawquia Young whose telephone number is 571-272-9043. The examiner can normally be reached on 6:30 AM-3:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Joseph McKane can be reached on 571-272-0699. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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